

## House Resolution No. 3872

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud and pleased to recognize marriage as one of the cornerstones of a vibrant and healthy society; and

**Whereas**, the members feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize Missouri couples who have enjoyed the benefits marriage offers; and

**Whereas**, the members now to recognize Richard and Veroncett Gerlach, of Cape Girardeau, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on June 15, 2008, with a family dinner and open house at Trinity Lutheran Church in Egypt Mills, Missouri, surrounded by family and friends and hosted by their four children and their spouses; and

**Whereas**, Richard Gerlach took the hand of his beautiful bride, Veroncett Mann, during a solemn ceremony held on June 14, 1958, at the First General Baptist Church on Broadway in Cape Girardeau, with the Reverent Bill Cravens officiating; and

**Whereas**, their wedding party included Ruby “Vonnie” Merritt, Joan Hardwick Massa, Wendell Gerlach, and the late Paul Kirchoff, with Norma Hardwick as vocalist and Kevin Gerlach and Michael Hahn as ushers; and

**Whereas**, Richard and Veroncett Gerlach have been blessed with four children, Girada and her husband, Greg Vanes; Joleda and her husband, David Moyers; Darris Gerlach and his wife, Tina; and Myra and her husband, Jason McCormick; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to Richard and Veroncett Gerlach on the illustrious occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, with our most very best wishes for many more happy years together; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Richard and Veroncett Gerlach.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Scott A. Lipke  
District No. 157

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,  
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 3872, adopted August 11, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker